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Sex Offender Level III Notification

Date: 11/25/15

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.50, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public when the release of information will enhance public safety and protection. The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex offense that requires registration with the Sheriff's Office. Further, their previous history places them in a classification level that reflects the potential to re-offend. The individual served the sentence imposed by the court and has properly notified the Sheriff's Office of their current address. The law does not require this offender to do anything other than register. **THEY ARE NOT WANTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AT THIS TIME. THIS NOTIFICATION IS NOT INTENDED TO INCREASE FEAR; RATHER, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT AN INFORMED PUBLIC IS A SAFER PUBLIC.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Detective Jamey McGinty or Field Operations Chief Bruce Kimsey at 360-748-9286.



Name: Garth D. Snively

Address: 1200 block Logan Street, Centralia WA

Date of Birth: 11/03/49

Height: 5'09" Weight: 290 Hair: grey/bald Eyes: Hazel

Sex: Male Race: White

Synopsis of Information: In 1994 Snively was convicted in Snohomish County Superior Court for two counts of Child Molestation 1st Degree and one count of Indecent Liberties. Documents indicate the Child Molestation charges stem from the sexual assault of an 11 year-old non-familial male victim over a long period of time that Snively met in church. It appears Snively abused his position within the church to gain access to the victim. The assaults would occur during overnight visits to Snively's home beginning in 1990 and lasting through 1993. From this investigation

it was learned that two male victims related to Snively had also been abused at the Snively home between 1984 and 1987 and an additional three more male victims related to Snively disclosed abuse.

When police served a search warrant on Snively's residence, another victim was identified. This was an 8 year-old non-familial male found at the residence at the time of the warrant service.

Over the course of the investigation, Snively has admitted to molesting kids since he was 12 years old and disclosed over 30 victims in an evaluation in 1993. In another evaluation in 2000 Snively

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estimated that he had over 100 victims, all boys between the ages of 5 and 12. Snively gained access to many of the victims through social outings including Cub and Boy Scouts, Big Brothers, and his position as a Sunday School Instructor.

Snively was sentenced to prison and in 2006 involuntarily committed to the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island. Snively petitioned the court and has now been granted a less restrictive alternative sentence. He will be under close supervision with the Washington State Department of Corrections while completing an intensive outpatient sex offender treatment.

Due to Snively's sexual criminal history he has been classified as a level 3 Sex Offender. He is a clear risk to re-offend and this notification is required.

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